

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

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I read an article in yesterday's Daily Breeze regarding the conditions of a group home in Harbor City. I was extremely concerned that a commissioner with the Sybil Brand commission brought the conditions found at this home to the Department's attention, yet no action was taken.

After my office became involved in this issue, I understand that the Department did send staff out to the group home. They concurred with the commissioner's inspection, and then took appropriate action to ensure the group home complied with all necessary modifications identified in the inspections.

I am concerned, however, that a communication breakdown between the Sybil Brand Commissioner and the Department could likely exist, and, as a result, other perhaps more significant problems would be identified without appropriate follow-up.

I, THEREFORE MOVE THAT the Director of the Department of Children and Family Services, working in partnership with the Sybil Brand Commission, report back to the

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Board in two weeks regarding the reporting relationship between the two entities with regards to group home inspections, and identify measures put in place to ensure that reports of unsatisfactory conditions are followed up on, with appropriate action taken as necessary.

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